



November 13, 2008

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California State Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Support for Malibu Lagoon Volunteer Restoration Project

On behalf of the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, I encourage your support of Santa Monica Baykeeper's Malibu Lagoon Volunteer Restoration Project. The proposed project takes place on the east side of Malibu Creek and Lagoon next to the Adamson House and the northern side of Malibu Lagoon just upstream from the larger Malibu Lagoon Restoration Project that will be completed in 2009. The Lagoon restoration will improve water quality and habitat for endangered tidewater gobies and steelhead trout as well as many bird species through the removal of invasive vegetation and the re-vegetation with appropriate native plants. This will also benefit the larger Lagoon restoration project by removing a significant source of invasive vegetation that could easily recolonize the area.

Of utmost importance, this project will educate high school students and the general public to value our creeks and coastal wetlands. Santa Monica Baykeeper's outreach efforts will also inform the public on how restoration projects protect and enhance water quality and biological diversity in an urbanized watershed. Students and volunteers will utilize Malibu Lagoon as a living field laboratory, providing hands-on experiential opportunities at all levels of this project, from exotic vegetation removal and replanting of native vegetation, to mapping and monitoring the project's success.

This is a project that is worthy of everyone's support and I would appreciate your favorable consideration of Santa Monica Baykeeper's request for funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel Cox", written over a horizontal line.

Nathaniel Cox  
Environmental Scientist  
Angeles District  
1925 Las Virgenes Rd.  
Calabasas, CA 91302



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Dear Chairman Bosco,

On behalf of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, I encourage your support of Santa Monica Baykeeper's Malibu Lagoon Volunteer Restoration Project. The proposed project, the removal of invasive vegetation and replacement with native plants on the east side of Malibu Creek and Lagoon, helps achieve multiple Bay Commission priorities. Those priorities include the restoration of Malibu Lagoon, the protection of endangered species such as tidewater goby and steelhead trout, and the protection of other native species. This project will also benefit the larger Lagoon restoration project by removing a significant source of invasive vegetation that could easily recolonize the area.

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Jack Topel  
Environmental Scientist  
Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission



## Exhibit 3: Project Letters

**Malibu Surfing Association**

**A non-profit organization**  
Federal Tax ID 95-4459007

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Malibu, California  
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

Malibu Surfing Association was founded by members of the Malibu community more than 40 years ago and we are intimately involved with the past, present, and future of Malibu Lagoon and Surfrider Beach. Many of our members are residents of the City of Malibu and we are an entirely volunteer association. We speak on behalf of our members whose views represent those of the surfing community and the 1.5 million visitors to Malibu Surfrider Beach who should be able to use this recreational resource without fear of water borne illness.

On behalf of Malibu Surfing Association, I encourage your support of Santa Monica Baykeeper's Malibu Lagoon Volunteer Restoration Project. The proposed project takes place on the east side of Malibu Creek and Lagoon next to the Adamson House and the northern side of Malibu Lagoon just upstream from the larger Malibu Lagoon Restoration Project that will be completed in 2009. The Lagoon restoration will improve water quality and habitat for endangered tidewater gobies and steelhead trout as well as many bird species through the removal of invasive vegetation and the re-vegetation with appropriate native plants. This will also benefit the larger Lagoon restoration project by removing a significant source of invasive vegetation that could easily recolonize the area.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Melchione", is written over the printed name and title.

Joseph S. Melchione, Chair  
Environmental Committee  
Malibu Surfing Association

cc: Michael Blum, President  
Malibu Surfing Association  
(via email at: [michael.blum@gmail.com](mailto:michael.blum@gmail.com))